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- (a) The Secretary of Budget and Management shall provide forms for initiating and processing grievances.
 - (b) The three steps in the grievance proceeding are:
 - (1) The initiation of a grievance proceeding;
 - (2) An appeal to the President; and
 - (3) An appeal to the Secretary of Budget and Management.
 - (c) The parties may agree to bypass any step of the grievance proceeding.
- (d) Each party to a grievance shall make every effort to resolve the grievance at the lowest level possible.
- (e) If a grievant fails to appeal a decision in accordance with this title to the next step in the grievance proceeding, the grievant is considered to have accepted the decision.
- (f) If a grievance is not decided at any step in the grievance proceeding, the grievance is considered as denied and the grievant may appeal to the next step.
- (g) (1) A grievant may be represented at any time by any person that the grievant chooses.
- (2) The President, a program director, or a vice president may be represented at any time by an individual designated for that purpose.
- (3) The President and each program director and vice president shall submit to the Secretary of Budget and Management a list of individuals designated to represent the President, program director, or vice president at each stage of the grievance proceeding.

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